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NOTIFICATION OF ERROR IN PAYMENT OF FEE(S) AS A SMALL ENTITY  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c))

## Erroneous Filing of Small Entity Statement

1. On September 1, 1998, small entity status was correctly asserted in this patent.
2. This assertion of small entity status in this application and the payment of fee(s) as a small entity was/were made in good faith.
3. It has not been established that before the payment of the fee listed below, a change occurred.

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whereby small entity status could no longer be claimed for applicant and, through good faith error, the Office was not notified.

**Itemization of the Fee(s) Erroneously Paid as Small Entity**

4.	<u>FEE(S) ERRONEOUSLY PAID AS A SMALL ENTITY</u>	<u>FEE ACTUALLY PAID AS A SMALL ENTITY</u>	<u>DEFICIENCY OWED</u>
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5. The total deficiency owed is paid as follows:

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